

A complex 3D visualization of a supernova shock. The image features a central yellow sphere with a textured surface, surrounded by a dense, turbulent cloud of red and blue translucent material. The red material forms the outer, more chaotic layers, while the blue material is more structured and appears to be part of the inner shock structure. The overall effect is one of intense energy and complex fluid dynamics.

# Supernova Shock Physics and Mixing Studies on NIF

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# Outline

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- ▷ Purpose
- ▷ Method
- ▷ Team
- ▷ Observations of core-collapse supernovae
- ▷ Theory of core-collapse supernovae
- ▷ Experiment on NIF
- ▷ Discussion

# Purpose

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- | DivSNRT experiment is designed to study and reproduce by means of a well-scaled experimental design the extensive mixing observed in the exploding massive stars.
  
- | DivSNRT experiment will probe fundamental physics of
  - | inter-shell penetration outwards to surface via turbulent mixing;
  - | shell breakouts;
  - | growth of secondary instabilities;
  - | vorticity-enhanced mixing.

# DivSNRT Team

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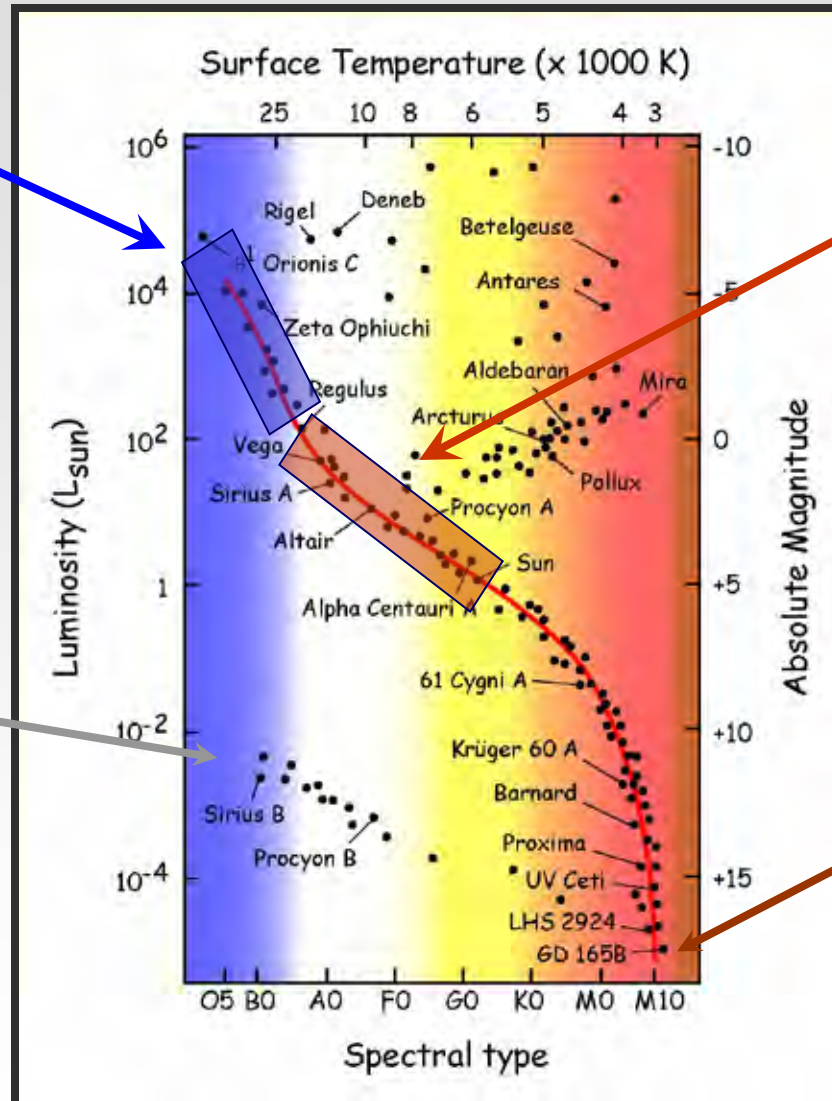
- | Paul Drake (**experimenter**, UM)
- | Markus Flaig (**designer**, UM/FSU)
- | Mike Grosskopf (**designer**, UM)
- | Tim Handy (**designer**, SN hydro explosion, FSU grad)
- | Paul Keiter (**lead experimenter**, UM)
- | Konstantinos Kifonidis (**designer**, SN hydro mixing)
- | Carolyn Kuranz (**experimenter**, UM)
- | Aaron Miles (**designer**, LLNL)
- | Frank Modica (**designer**, multiphysics RT, FSU grad)
- | Hye-Sook Park (**NIF liaison scientist**, **experimenter**, LLNL)
- | Tomasz Plewa (**PI**, **lead designer**, FSU)
- | Kumar Raman (**designer**, LLNL)
- | Bruce Remington (**experimenter**, LLNL)

# Our Stellar Neighbours

Type II

Massive  
Single  
H-rich

White Dwarfs  
 $m < 1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$



Type Ia

Medium  
mass  
Binary  
H/He-free

Brown Dwarfs  
 $m > 0.075 M_{\text{sun}}$



South Celestial Pole



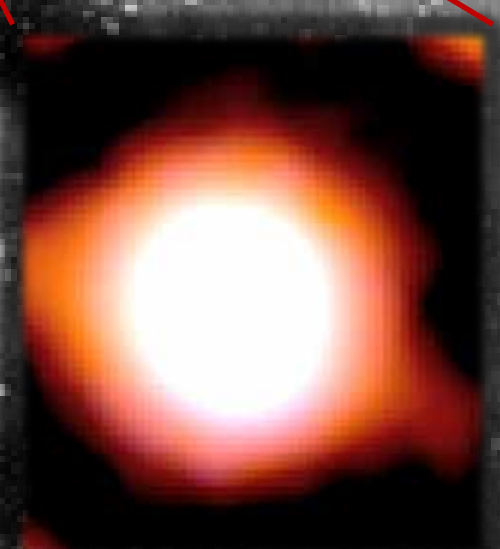
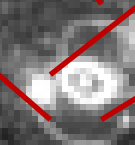
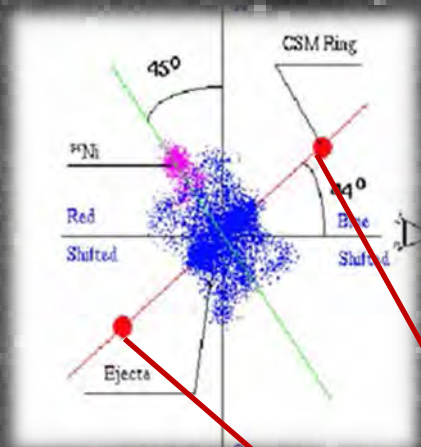
Canopus

Large Magellanic Cloud

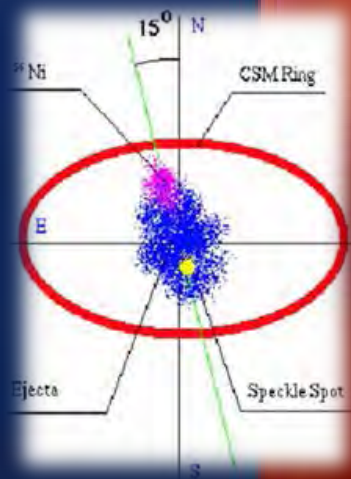
Small Magellanic Cloud





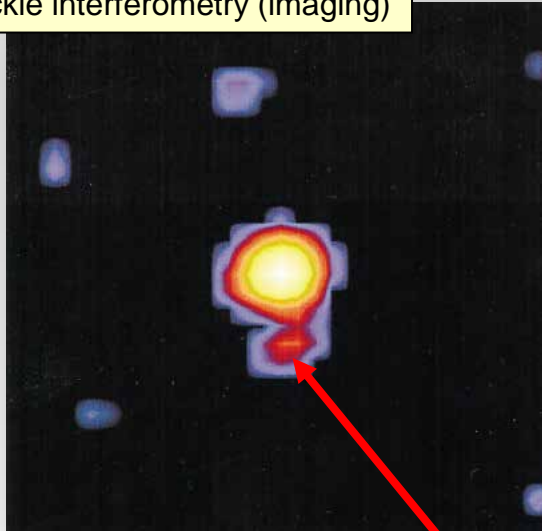




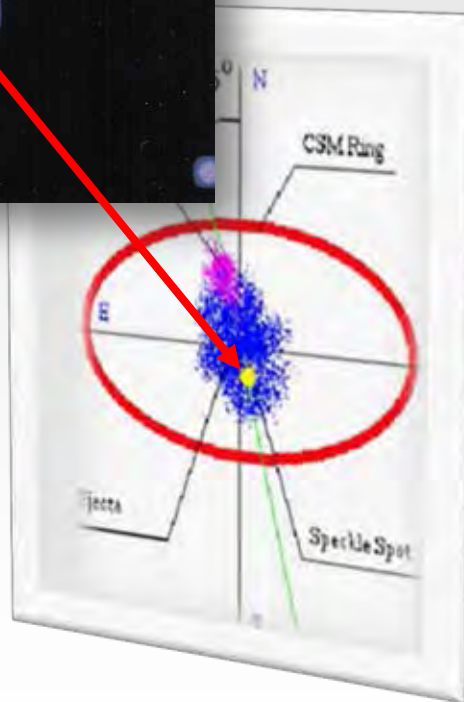


# Observational Evidence of Mixing

speckle interferometry (imaging)

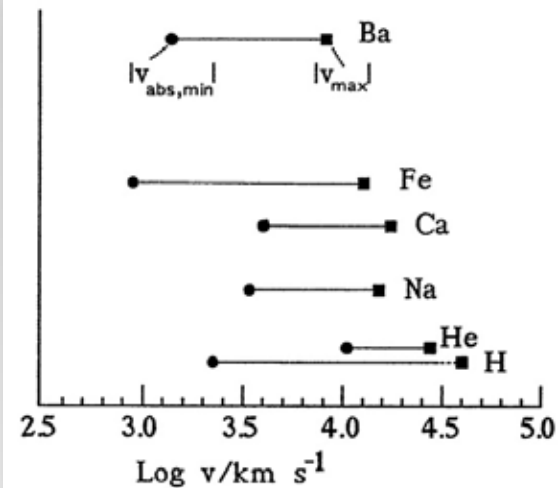


Niesenson & Papaliolios (1999)

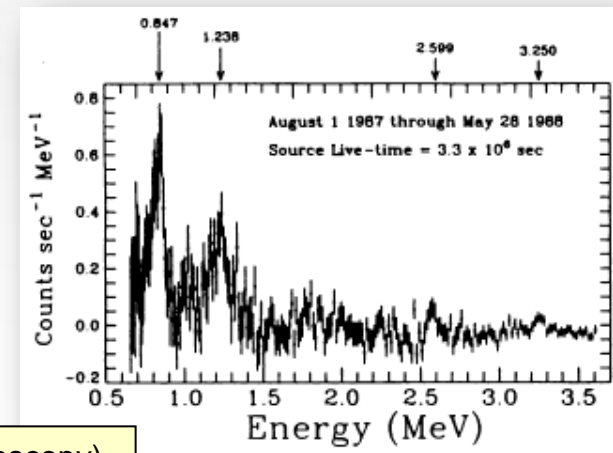


Wang et al. (2002)

ejecta tomography (spectroscopy)



Hanuschik et al. (1991)

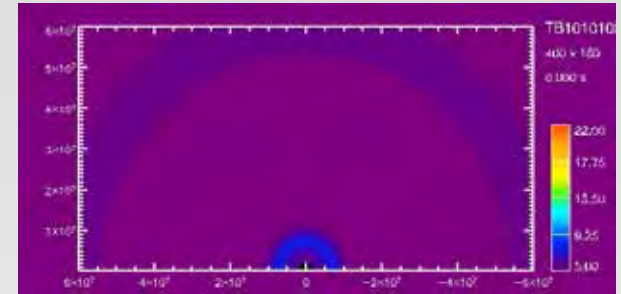


gamma rays (spectroscopy)

Leising & Share (1990)

# Core-Collapse SN Explosion Theory

- | Massive stars
- | Gravity bombs
- | Energy extracted by neutrinos
- | Accretion shock originally too weak
- | Revived by neutrino heating of the post-shock matter
- | Once the shock is launched...

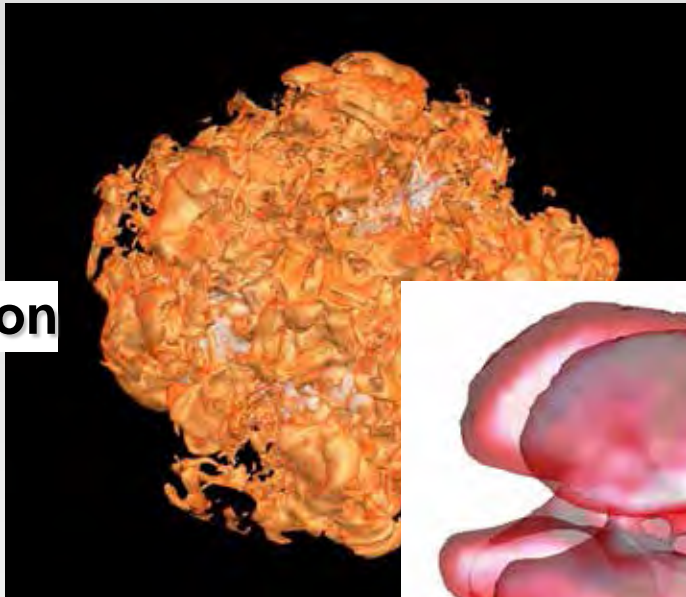


We used a computational method for explicit hydrodynamics and implicit radiative transfer very similar to that of Christy (1964). The opacity corresponded to a Population I composition. A strong shock wave propagates outward through an envelope of some assumed density structure, transporting energy mechanically outward until encountering regions where photon diffusion dominates the energy transfer. The explosion energy was adjusted to give interesting results.

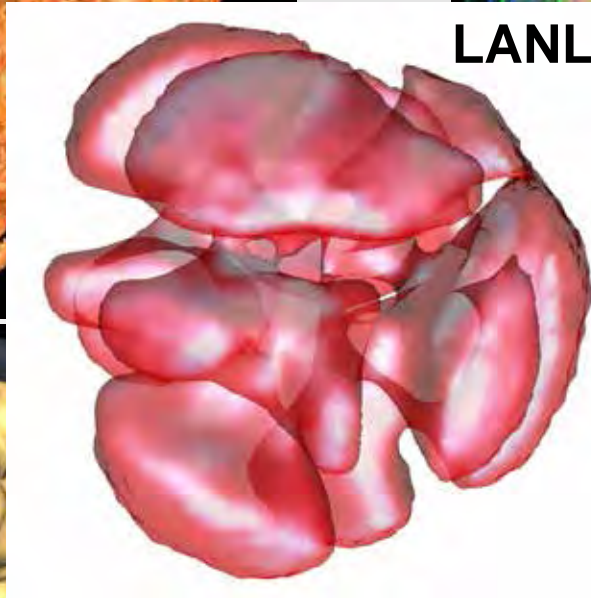
Falk & Arnett (1973)

# ccSN Shock Revival in 3D

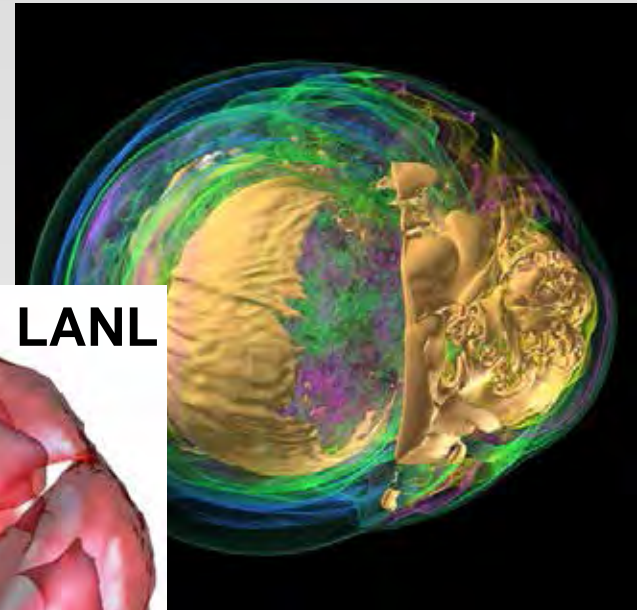
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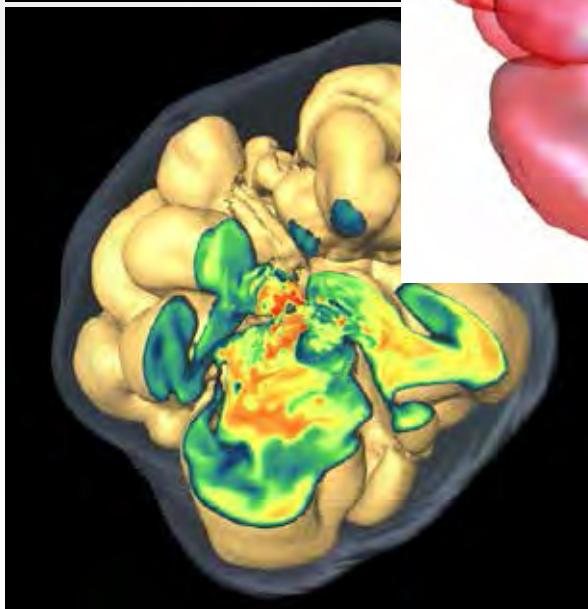
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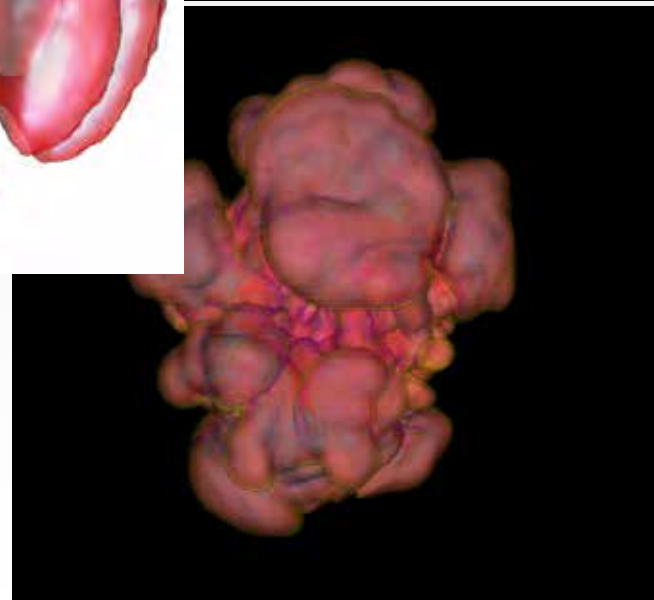
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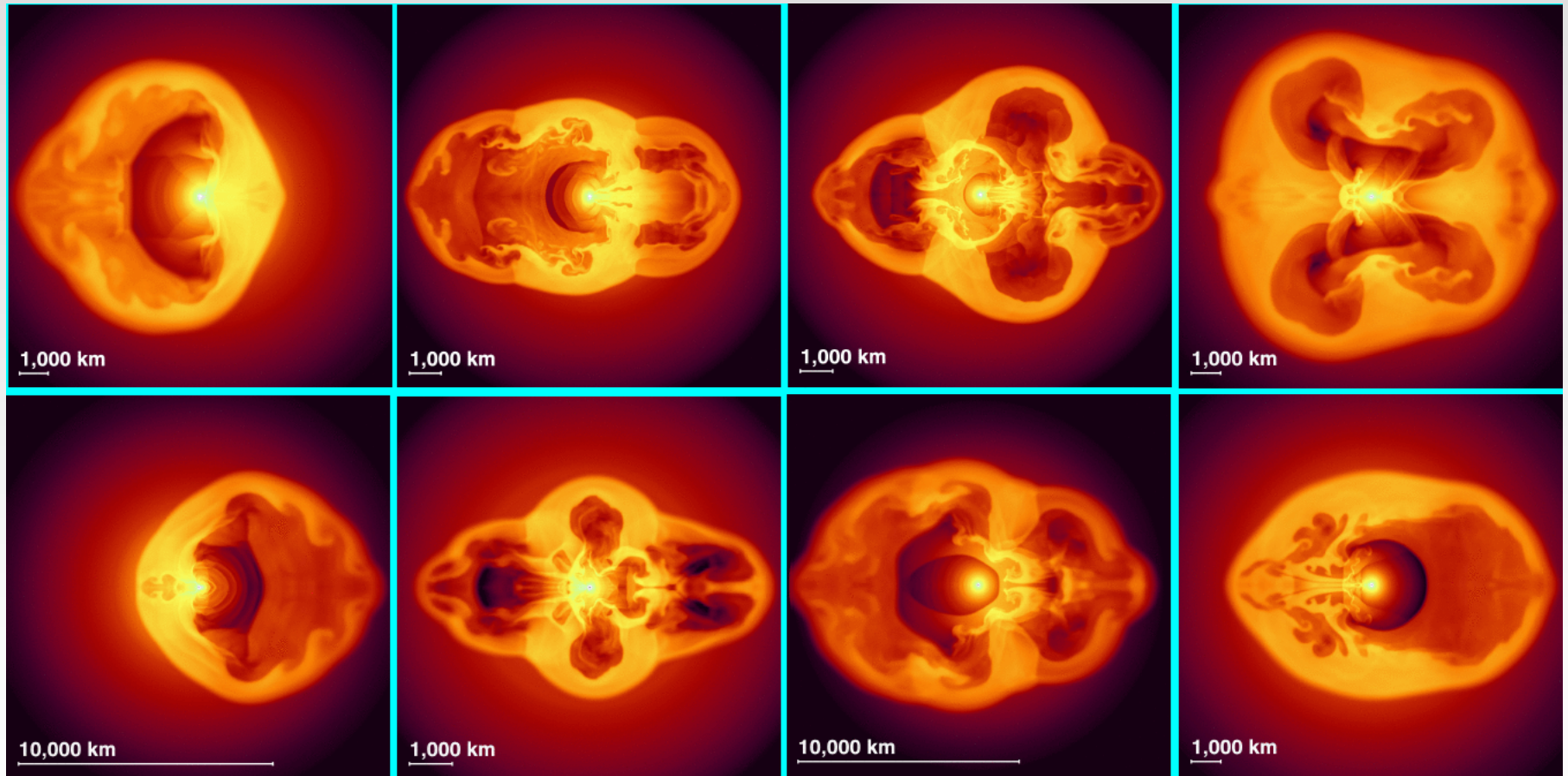


FSU





# Standing Accretion Shock Instability



Janka et al. (2006)



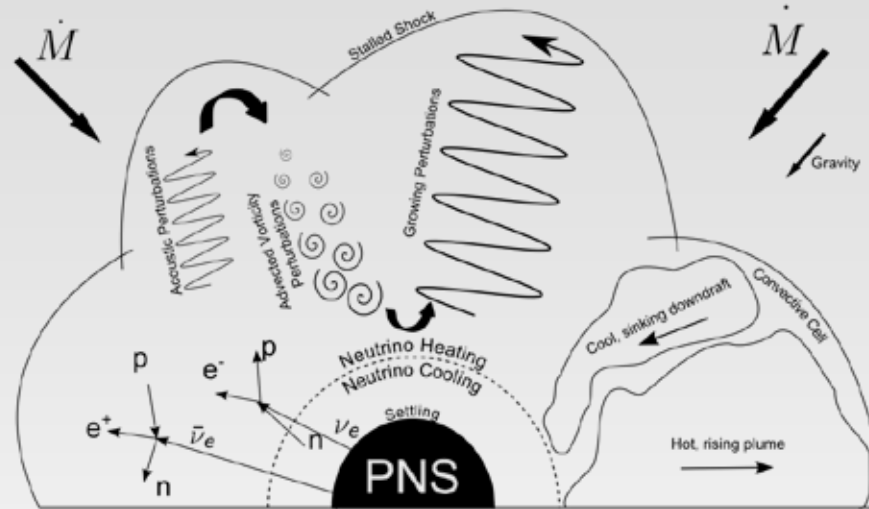
# HED Connection to Supernovae

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- | Motivated by SN 1987A
- | Theoretical foundations provided by **HED scaling laws**  
(D. Rytov and collaborators)
- | **Research directions**
  - SASI**: ccSN explosion poster by Tim Handy
  - DivSNRT** :ccSN post-explosion RT mixing this talk

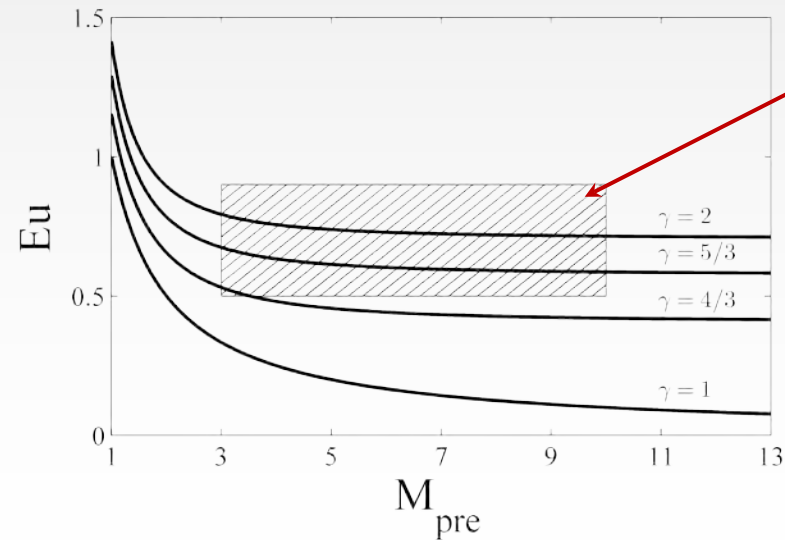
# NIF SASI Study

poster by Tim Handy



HED/SN scaling

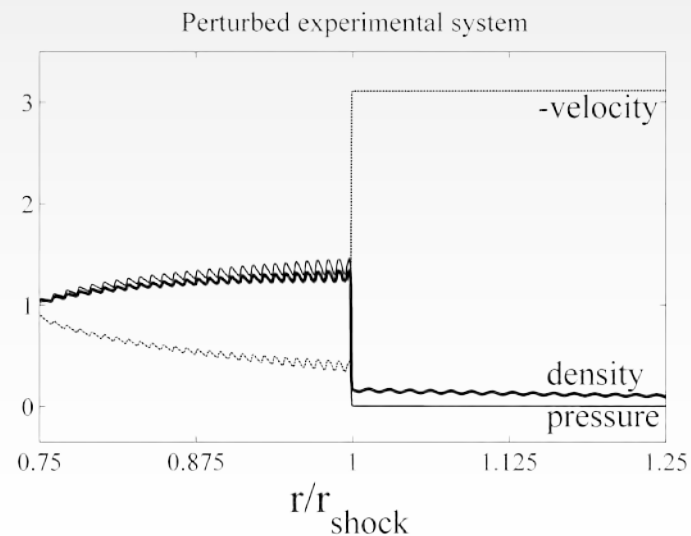
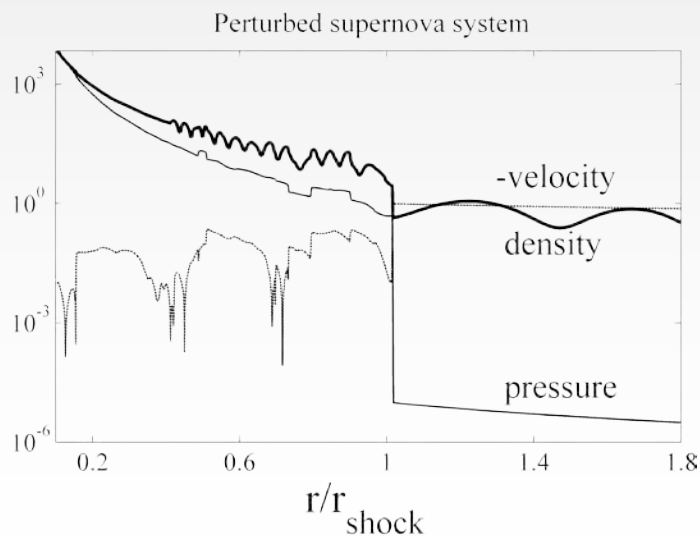
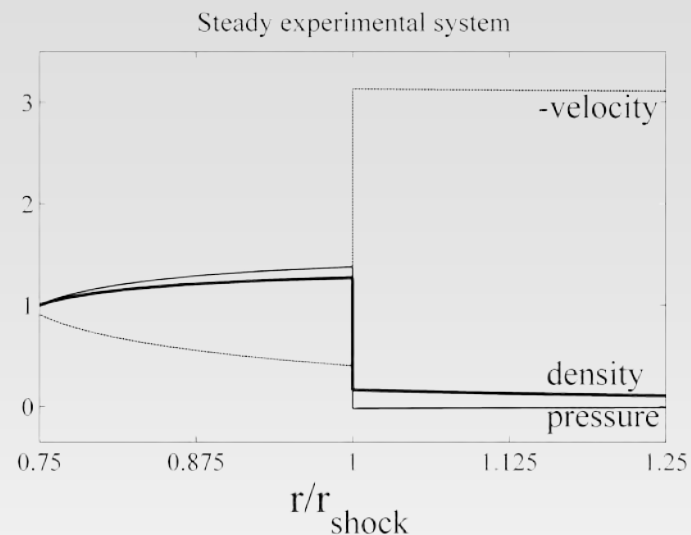
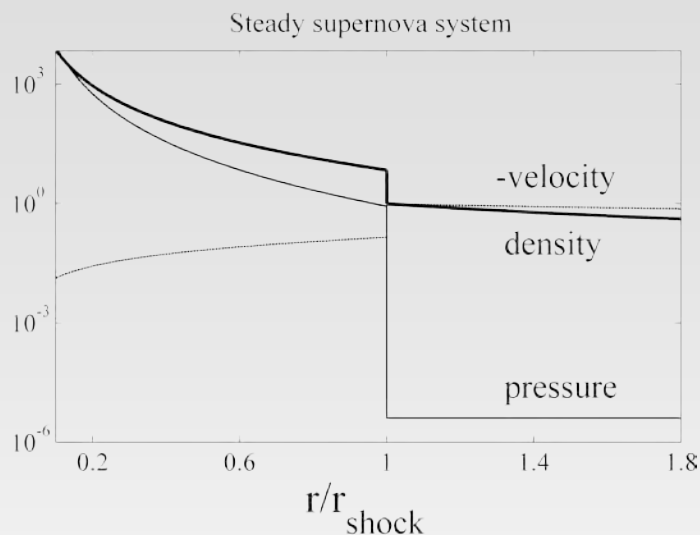
$$(Eu)^2 = \frac{1 + \frac{g-1}{2} M_{pre}^2}{M_{pre}^2 - \frac{g-1}{2}}$$



experimentally  
feasible region

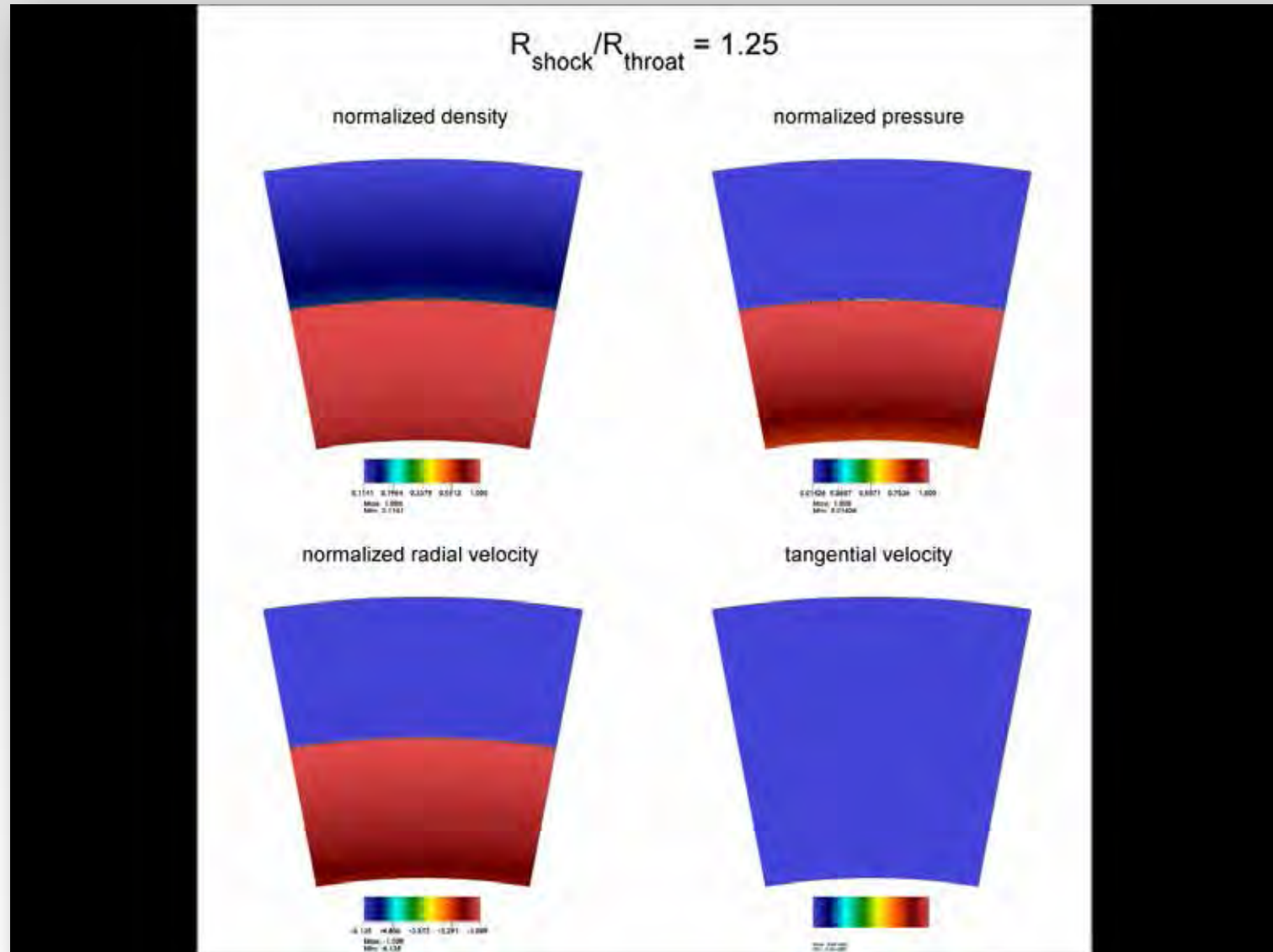
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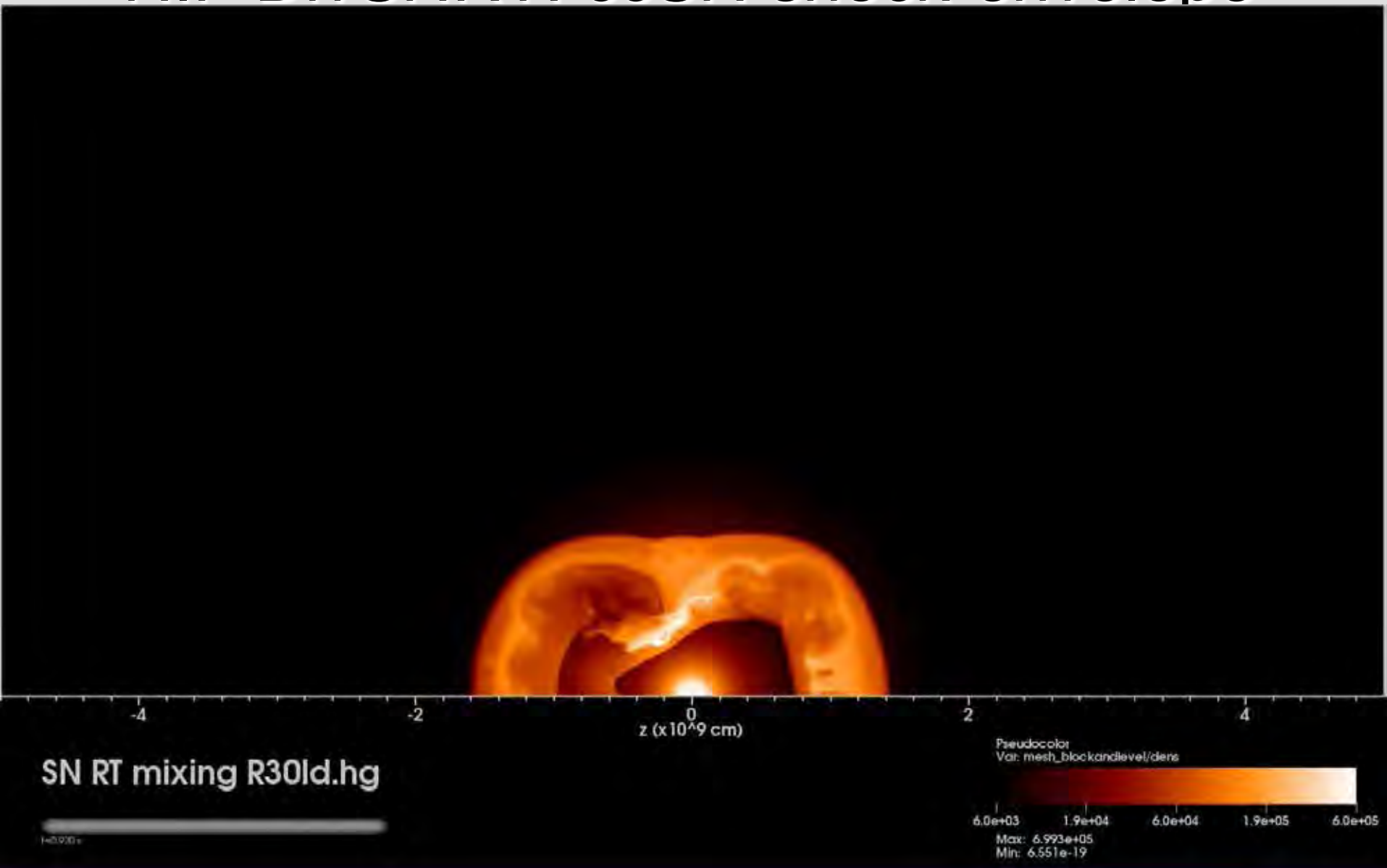


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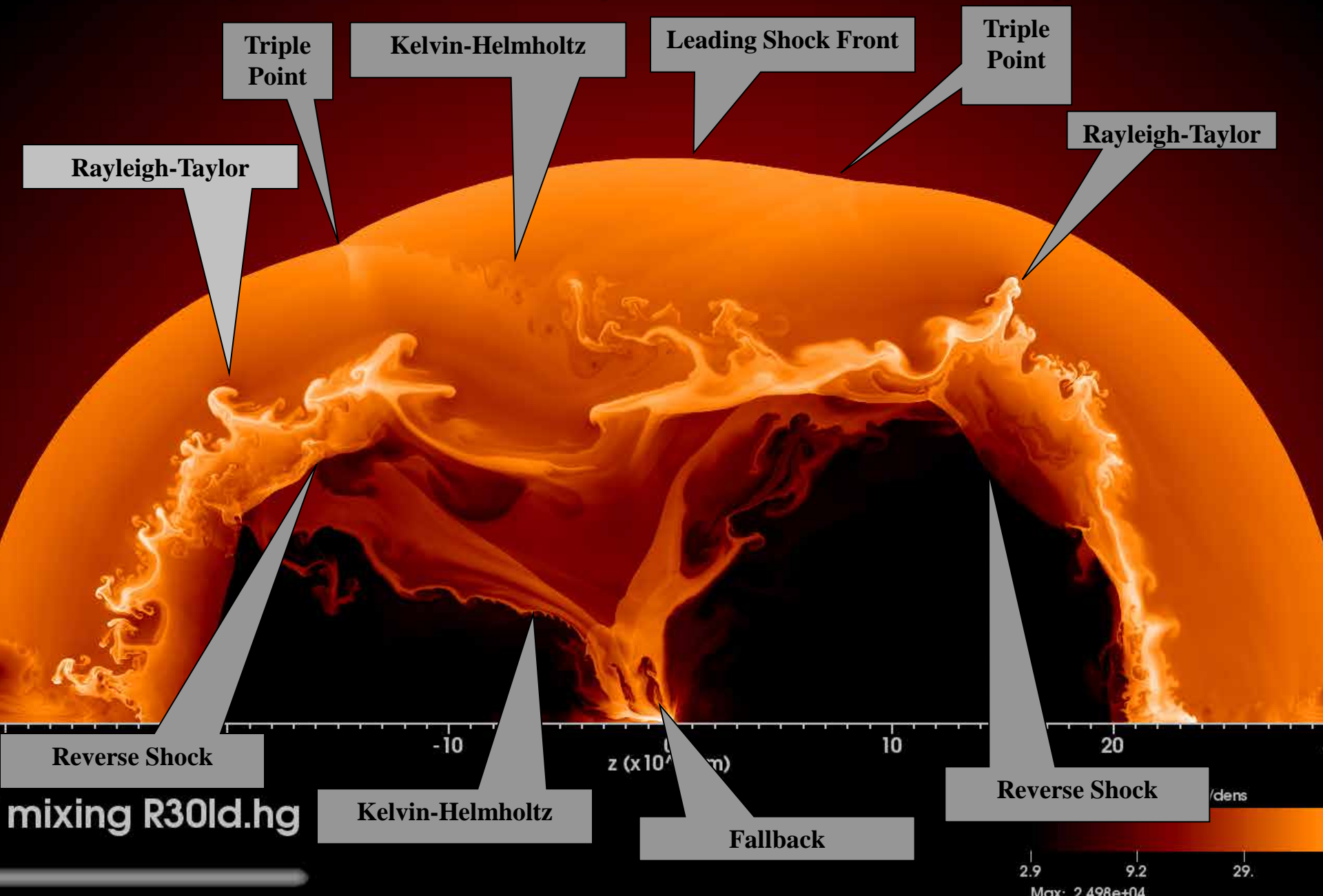




# NIF DivSNRT: ccSN shock-envelope

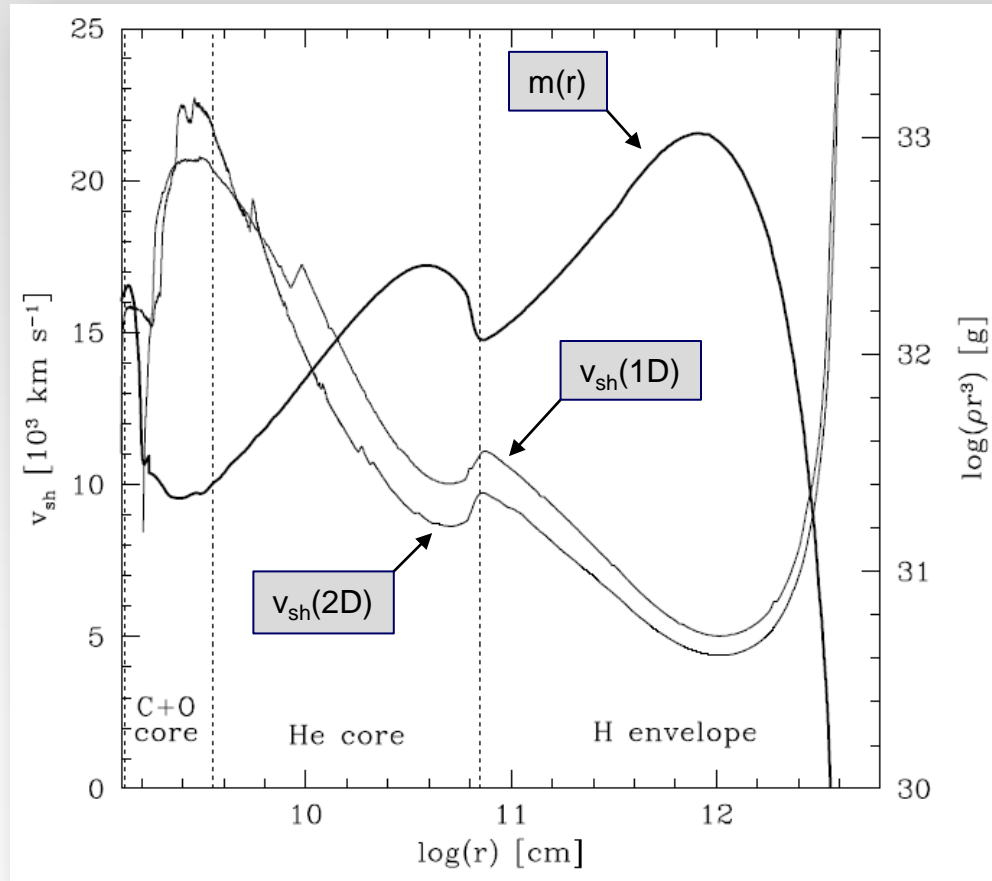


# Complex Post-Explosion ccSN Dynamics



# Origins of the ccSN RT Mixing

- Time-dependent deceleration of dense layers due to unsteady supernova shock motion through the progenitor envelope



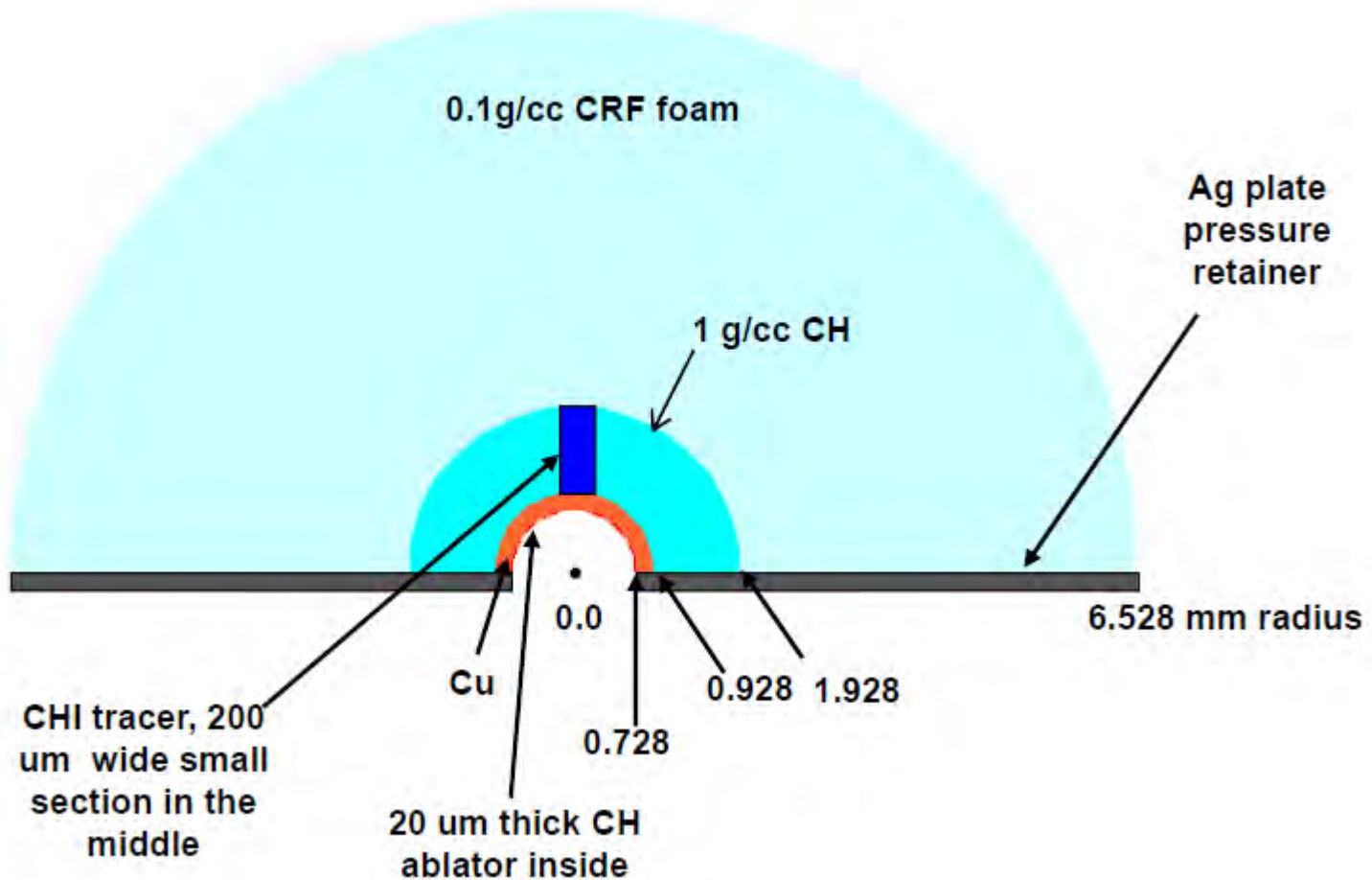
Gawryszczak et al. (2010)

# Past HED ccSNRT Mixing Studies

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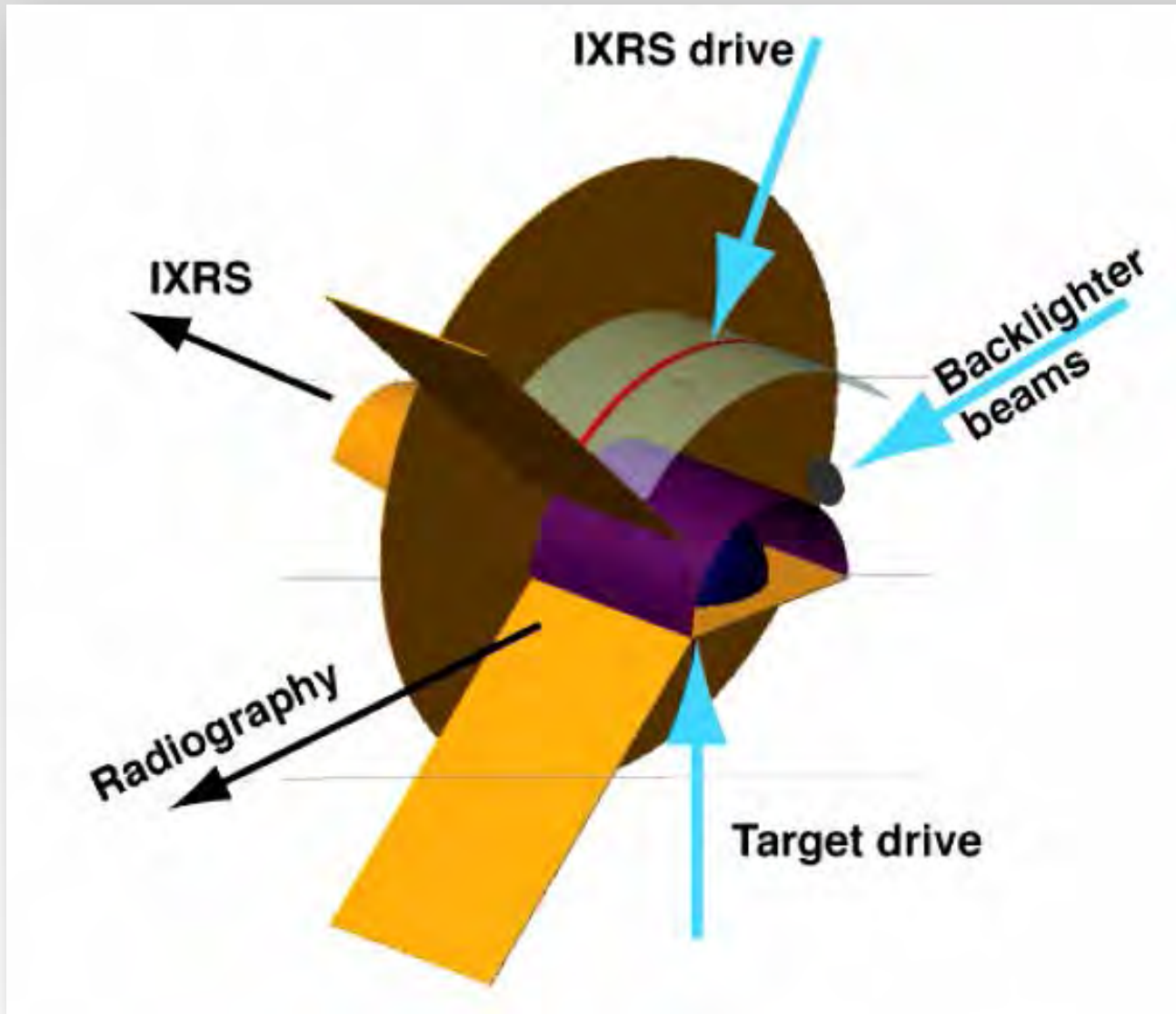
- | Motivated by SN 1987A
- | Theoretical foundations provided by **HED scaling laws** (D. Rytov and collaborators)
- | Most work devoted to planar, two-layer targets (classic RT configuration)
- | But **SN are largely spherical...** => spherical targets and diverging flow configurations, or **DivSNRT**
- | **Much more mass involved** than in the planar case, thus requiring much more energy to drive
- | Early attempts on Omega (Drake et al.) unsuccessful (shell breakup) => **NIF!**

# DivSNRT 3 Layer Target



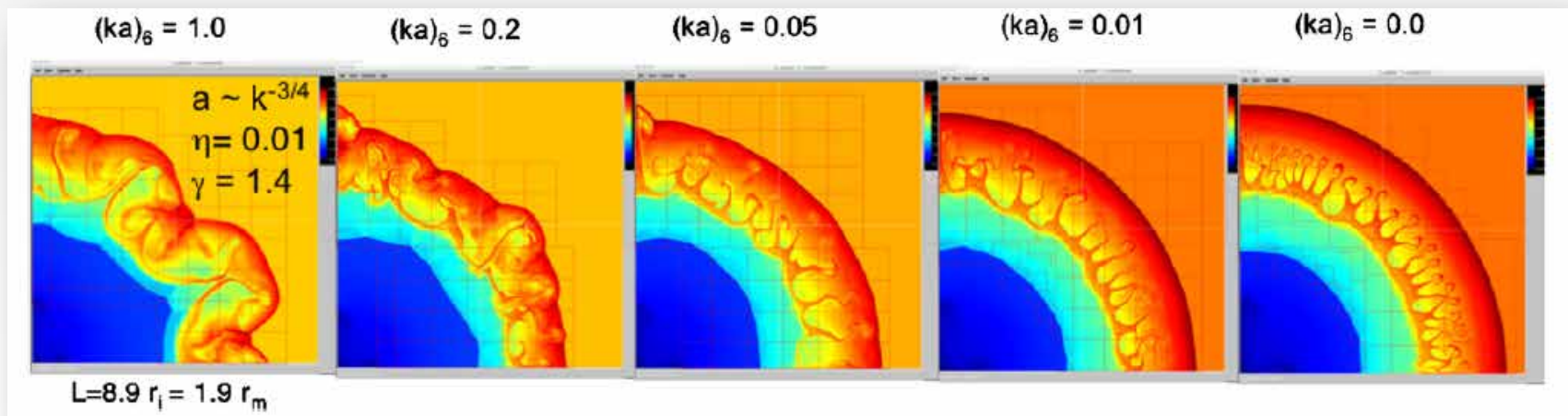


# DivSNRT Diagnostics

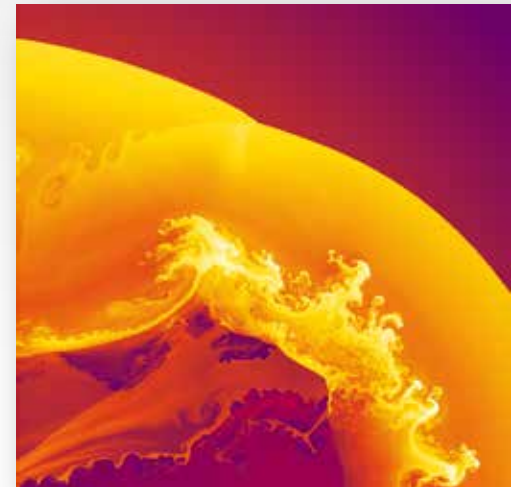
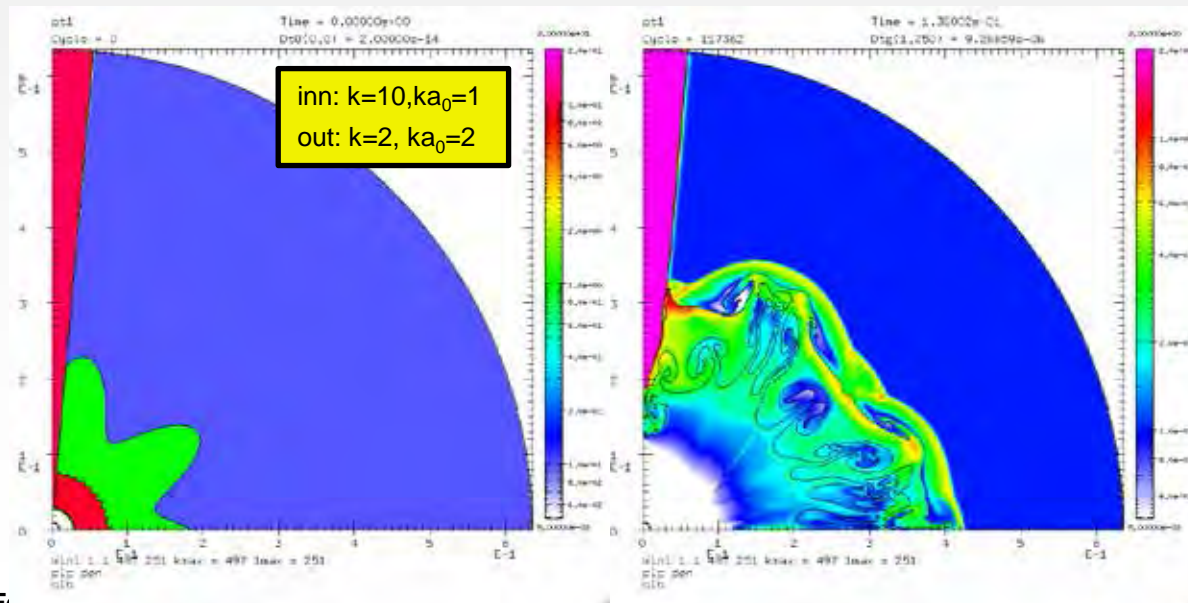
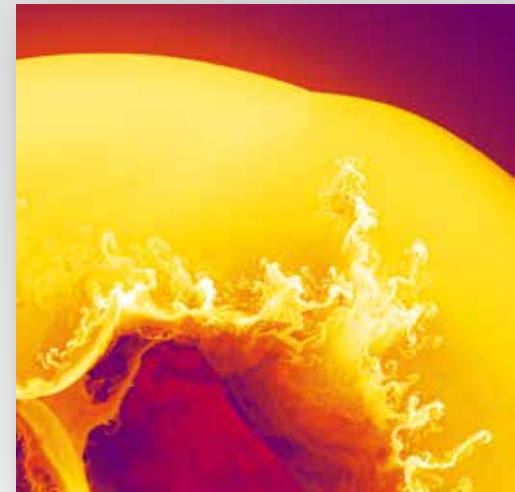
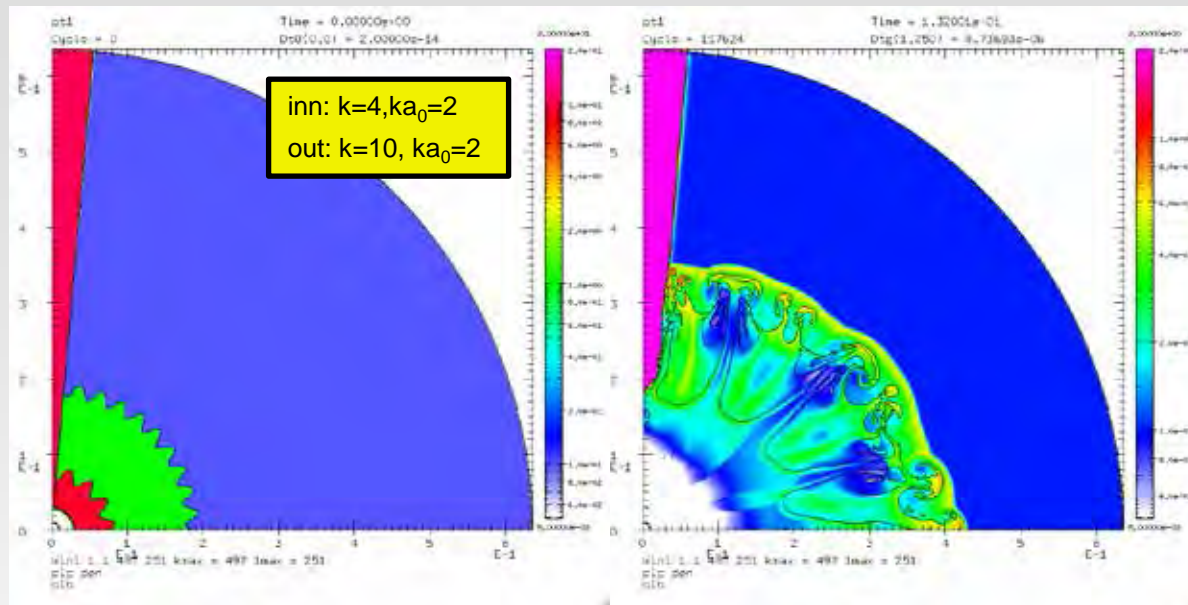


# Theory for ccSNRT Target Design

- ⌋ **Aaron Miles (2009)** analysis of the blast wave instability problem provides **analytic framework for target design**
- ⌋ The model combines **drag-buoyancy**, **bubble merger**, and assumes (quasi) **self-similarity** to account for the flow divergence and compressibility effects
- ⌋ Demonstrates that **the memory of the explosion is generally preserved** by the system unless modes are very high (higher than considered typical in ccSN)
- ⌋ **High-amplitude perturbations favor RM over RT**, at least at early times, resulting in the shock proximity to growing spikes (if  $(ka_0) > 1/3$  for adiabatic index  $5/3$ ; if  $(ka_0) > 0.2$  for index  $4/3$ ).



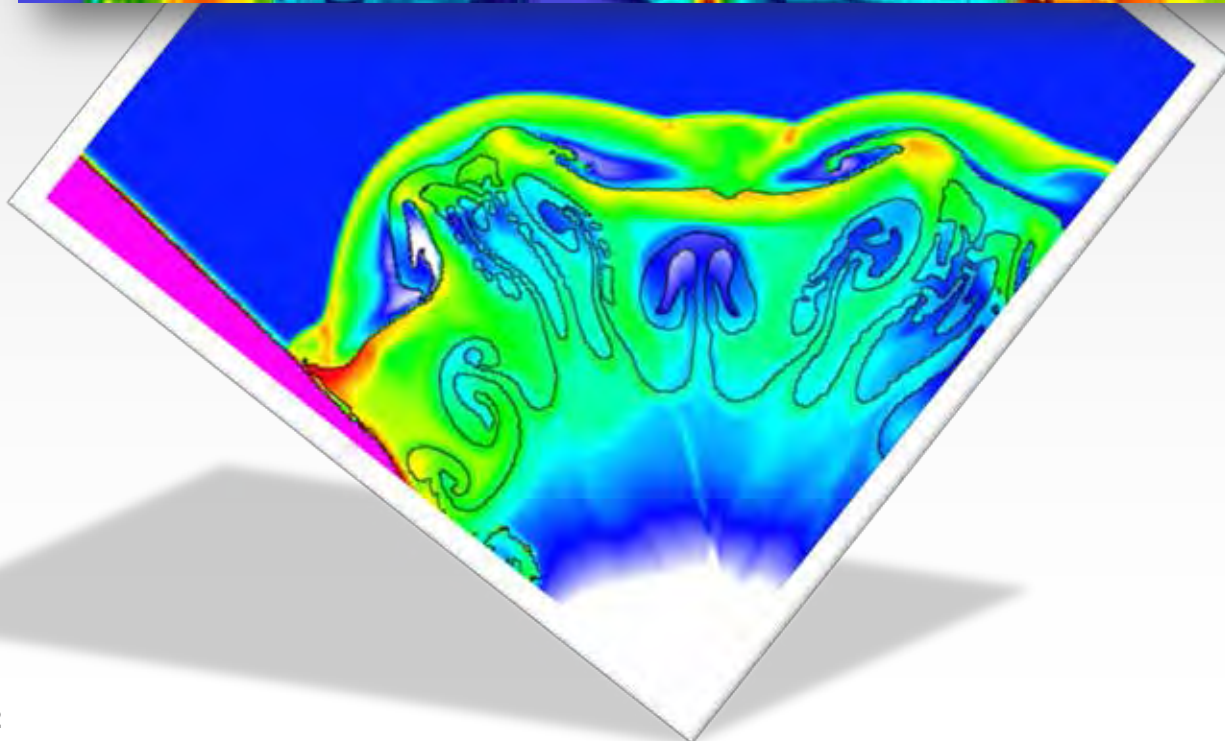
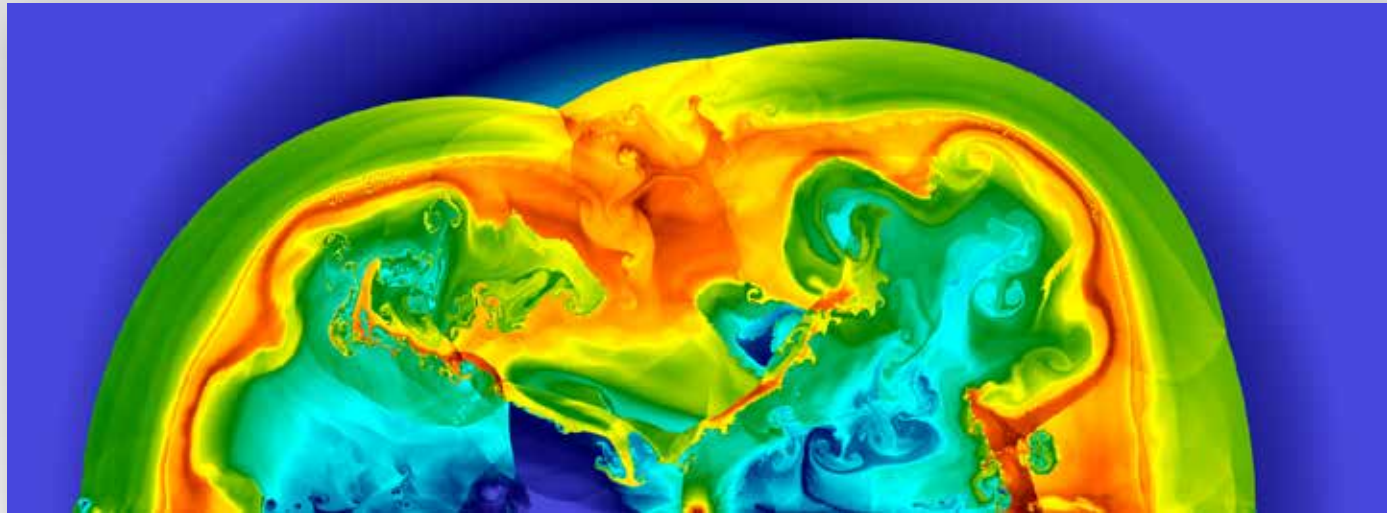
# CALE Designs vs SN Model





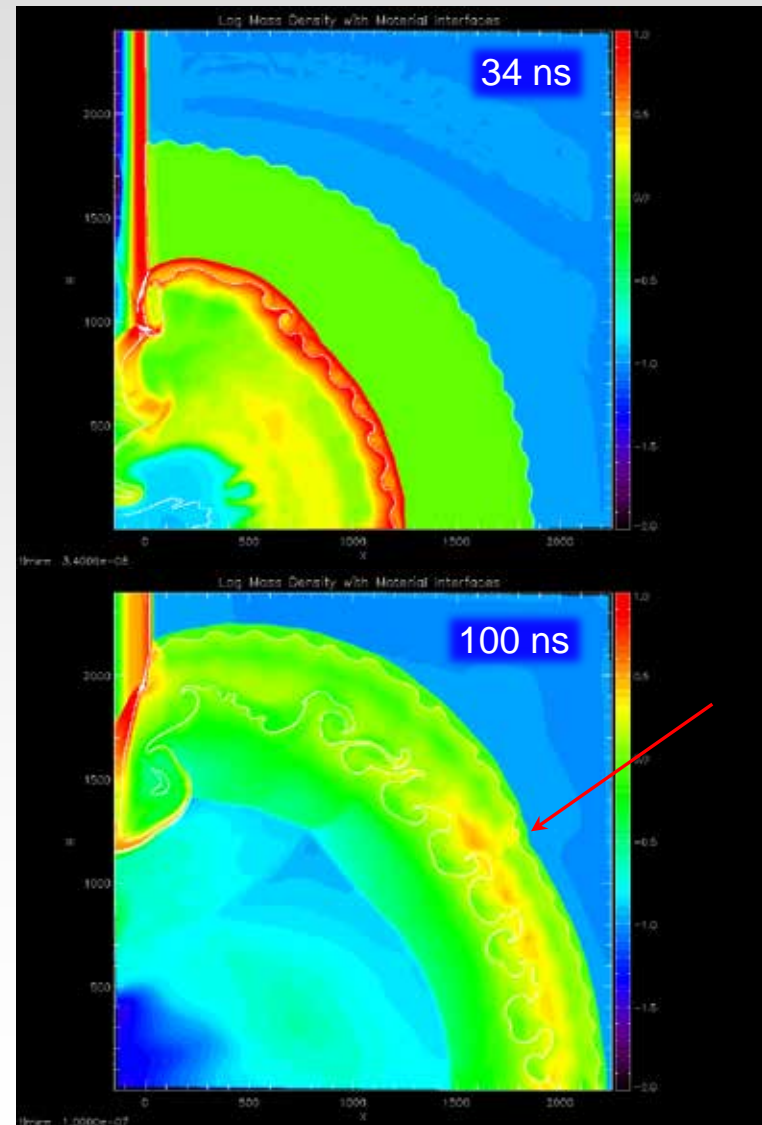
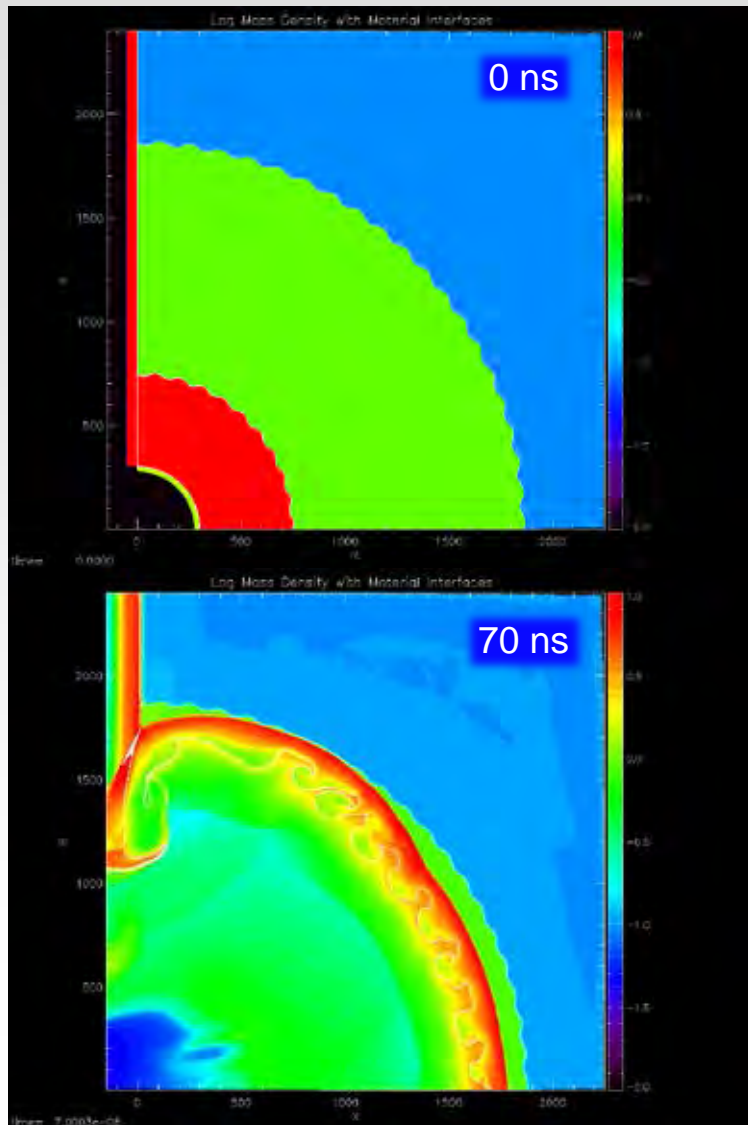
# CALE Designs vs SN Model

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# News: CRASH DivSNRT

by Mike Grosskopf





# Proposed Schedule of Shots

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## FY13

Shot Number	Target Type	Perturbation between interfaces	Drive	Diagnostic Technique	Note
1	hemispherical 2 layers	none	80-300kJ 3ns	radiography	drive test, RT/RM at a nominally smooth interface
2	as above	$(kA)_1$	as above	as above	RT/RM at high-Z/med-Z interfaces
3	as above	$(kA)_2$	as above	as above	as above
4	as above	$(kA)_{(1,2)}$	as above	as above	reproducibility test
5	hemispherical 3 layers	none	as above	as above	drive test, RT/RM at a nominally smooth interface

## FY14

3 layer target studies, demonstrate Imaging X-ray Thomson Scattering technique

## FY15

3 layer target studies with aspherical shocks with radiography and IXTS

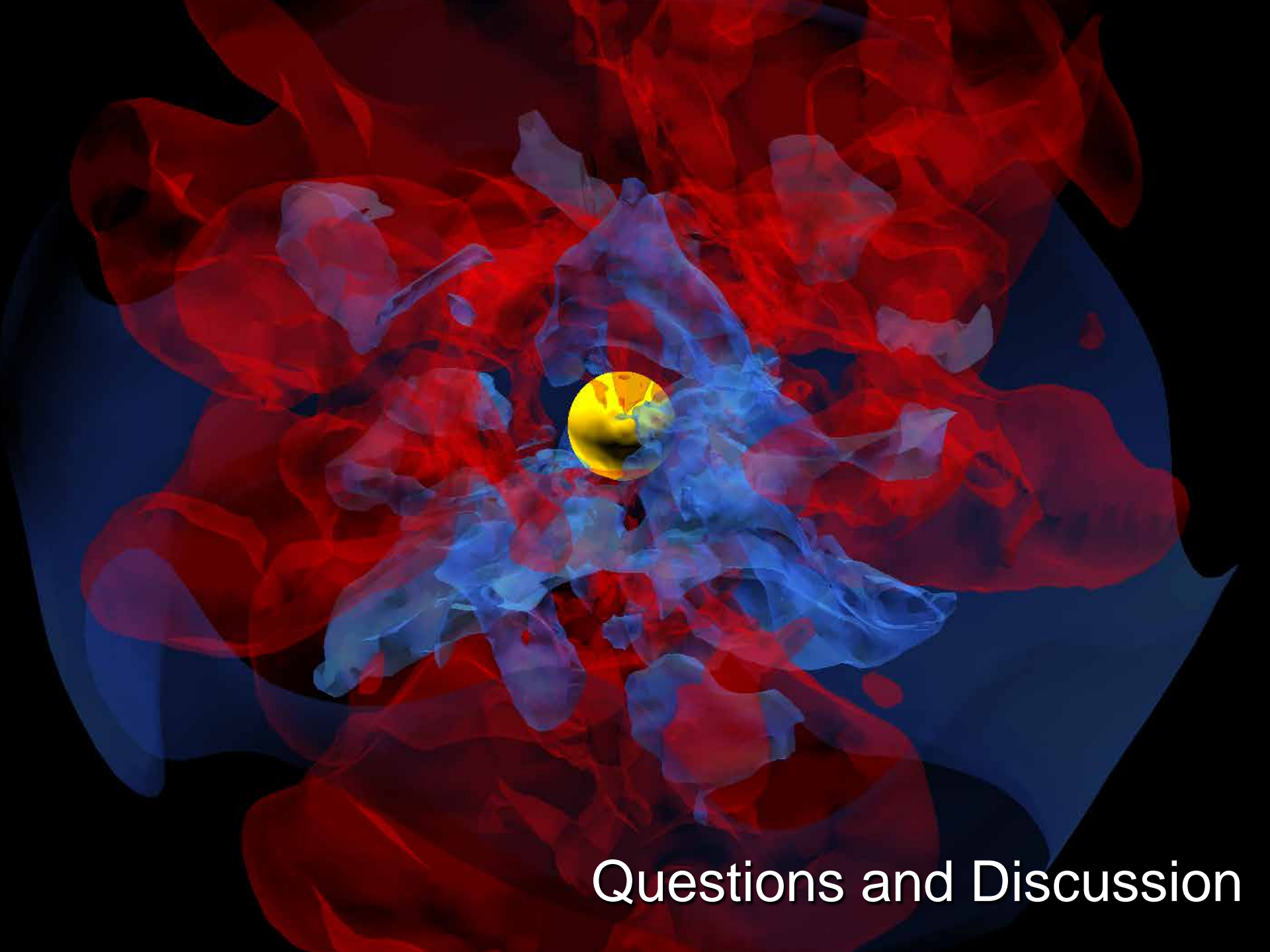
# Diverging Supernova Explosion Experiments on NIF

## Purpose

- | This experiment attempts to observe extensive Rayleigh-Taylor driven mixing in the exploding massive stars.
- | Data will give physics insights of inter-shell penetration outwards to surface via turbulent mixing, shell breakouts, growth of secondary instabilities, vorticity-enhanced mixing.

## Comments

- | NIF is the unique facility enabling studies with spherical targets (diverging flow geometry)
- | Natural continuation of the previous work on Omega
- | New diagnostics (IXTS, Dante, proton radiography...) in addition to standard diagnostics (x-ray radiography)
- | 15 shots starting in FY 2013



Questions and Discussion